Productivity Linked Bonous to the Employees of Passport Offices

2358. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any demand for implementation of productivity linked bonous to the employees of Passport Offices as in the case of Posts and Telegraph and Railway employees;

(b) whether the Fifth Central Pay Commission had recommended for such a system of bonous to the employees of the Passport Office; and

(c) if so, what is the present status of this demand?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) In the recent past there has been no such demand.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Withdrawal of American Protest against Loans

†2359. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether USA is likely to withdraw its protest against the loans bring given to India by international financial institutions for the projects associated with the human necessities;

(b) whether Government have received some official information in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) After the nuclear tests in May 1998, the US imposed certain economic restrictions on India under its domestic law. These restrictions included opposition to any loan to India by any

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.